

AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the following paragraphs of the specification as indicated with markings showing changes to be made:

[0013] This object is achieved in the garment for protecting the upper portion of the body according to the invention in that it has, a section, to be positioned on the back and on the shoulders, a yoke made of a material that is resistant to abrasion.

[0019] FIGS. 1 and 2 show an example of embodiment of a garment 1 according to the invention for protecting the upper portion of a body according to the invention, one's body, adapted more particularly to sporting activities (walking, hiking, climbing, etc.) while wearing a backpack.

[0023] As shown in the drawing figures, the protective garment 1 first has a yoke section 21, 11 covering both the majority of the back 20 and extending up to the front portion of the garment over the shoulder zone 11.

[0024] The yoke section 21, 11 is made of a single piece of material or at least without stitches in the shoulder zone that is adapted to cooperate with the straps of the backpack.

[0025] This yoke section 21, 11 is made of a material that is resistant to the abrasion caused by the continuous rubbing of the backpack, i.e., of the straps and rear thereof, against the garment during use.

[0026] According to a preferred embodiment, the yoke section 21, 11 is made of a woven material that is more resistant to abrasion and is additionally treated so as to transfer moisture from the inner surface of the yoke section to the outer surface thereof. Such a treatment is generally called hydrophile referred to as a hydrophilic treatment.

[0027] The fabric of the yoke section 21, 11 is preferably extensible along at least one direction, and preferably along a transverse direction T (see FIG. 2).

[0032] A yoke section 41 is arranged in the axillary zone 40, i.e., the junction zone between the upper end of the sleeve 30 and the associated lateral wall of the chest.

[0033] The yoke section 41 is made of a highly aerated material, such as a mesh, i.e., a jersey having a wide mesh defining a highly aerated structure.

[0036] The material of section 41 will preferably undergo an antibacterial treatment and/or will be provided with antibacterial elements, such as silver threads.

[0039] Finally, the remainder of the garment, namely the front panel 10, the top of the sleeves 30, and possibly the lateral portions 15 of the garment, will be made of a material preferably having perspiration draining and evacuation capabilities. Preferably, although in a non-limiting manner, this will be the same material of section 31.